

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 11 and 12 and add Claims 16 through 19 to read as follows:

1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) An observation optical apparatus ~~for observing an image through~~ including an erecting optical system, a front optical system arranged on the light incidence side of the erecting optical system, and a rear optical system arranged on the light emission side of the erecting optical system, said apparatus allowing observation of an image employing the erecting optical system, the front optical system, and the rear optical system, said apparatus comprising:

a sensor for detecting a shake of said apparatus; and

a correction system for correcting a shake of the image due to the shake of said apparatus; in accordance with an output from said sensor,

wherein ~~said erecting the front~~ the front optical system includes ~~first and second prisms a~~ plurality of lens elements, and the rear optical system includes a plurality of lens elements, and

wherein the number of the lens elements of the rear optical system is greater than that of the lens elements of the front optical system.

12. (Currently Amended) An observation optical apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein said correction system includes ~~comprising~~ a shake correction optical element, ~~which is arranged on the light incidence side of said erecting optical system and the~~ front optical system includes the shake correction optical system.

13-15. (Canceled)

16. (New) An observation optical apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein each of the front optical system and the rear optical system comprises a composite lens.

17. (New) An observation optical apparatus including an erecting optical system, a front optical system arranged on the light incidence side of the erecting optical system, and a rear optical system arranged on the light emission side of the erecting optical system, said apparatus allowing observation of an image through the erecting optical system, the front optical system, and the rear optical system, said apparatus comprising:

a sensor, arranged in a body of said apparatus, for detecting a shake of said apparatus;

a control circuit electrically connected to said sensor, for receiving an output from said sensor;

an actuator electrically connected to said control circuit, the driving of said actuator being controlled in accordance with an output from said control circuit, responsive to an output from said sensor; and

a shake correction optical element connected to said actuator,

wherein the front optical system includes a plurality of lens elements, and the rear optical system includes a plurality of lens elements, and

wherein the number of the lens elements of the rear optical system is greater than that of the lens elements of the front optical system.

18. (New) An observation optical system according to Claim 17, wherein the front optical system includes said shake correction optical element.

19. (New) An observation optical apparatus according to Claim 17, wherein each of the front optical system and the rear optical system comprises a composite lens.